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SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMCITS

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1. AMBASSADOR VERKADE HAS GIVEN ME FOLLOWING ROUGH  
TRANSLATION OF AMBASSADOR FEIN'S CABLED REPORT OF HIS  
SECOND MEETING WITH MUGWADI. PROTECT FACT WE HAVE  
CLOSE PARAPHRASE OF ENCRYPTED MESSAGE. NOTE  
ADDITIONAL NAMES AND SPELLING VARIATIONS.

2. QUOTE I WAS APPROACHED TODAY (28) AGAIN BY MUGWADI.  
I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT HE PROBABLY IS NO MORE  
THAN A WELL-INFORMED UNSCRUPULOUS PAID INFORMANT WHO IS  
OUT FOR MONEY.

3. HE STARTED TO SAY THAT HE'LL LEAVE FOR THE REGION IN  
QUESTION SATURDAY AND AS PROOF OF HIS GOOD RELATIONS WITH  
THE KIDNAPPERS HE SHALL BRING BACK A PHOTO OF THE DUTCH  
GIRL. AS HIS CONTACT HE MENTIONED A CERTAIN ADAMAGARA  
BUJUMBURA, WHO RUNS--HE SAID--AN OFFICE OF THE AFRO-ASIAN  
SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS AS ITS TASK TO AID GUERILLA  
MOVEMENTS AGAINST NON-SOCIALIST STATES IN CENTRAL AFRICA.  
ADAMAGARA BUJUMBURA WAS ALSO--MUGWADI SAID--A CONTACTMAN  
OF PRP.

4. MUGWADI DESCRIBED EXTENSIVELY THE REGION IN QUESTION.

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PROBABLY, HE SAID, THE PRISONERS ARE HELD IN A LARGE

"BASE CAMP" BETWEEN KIGULUMABWE AND KUNUA. THIS CAMP HAD E.G. A TUNNEL TO CAMOUFLAGE THE SMOKE OF COOKING. COMMANDER WAS A "GENERAL" SIMBA, BELONGING TO THE NDANDE TRIBE, EX-SERGEANT OF THE CONGO ARMY AND, ACCORDING TO MUGWADI, A DECENT MAN WHO'D NOT HARM THE PRISONERS. BEHIND THE VILLAGE OF BARAKA ANOTHER GROUP WAS OPERATING UNDER GENERAL MURAMA, ALSO A DECENT MAN. THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON, HOWEVER, WAS THE "POLITICAL COMMISSAR", CALLED MASRIKA, WHO WAS TRAINED IN THE SOVIET UNION, ALSO A DECENT MAN. MUGWADI WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE KIDNAPPERS HAD MADE A MISTAKE IN ASKING FOR ARMS AND HE THOUGHT THEY WERE INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE DEMANDS COULD NOT BE MET AND THAT THEY HAD TO BE CONTENT WITH MONEY. MUGWADI SAID THAT HE'D BEEN IN THIS REGION FROM JULY UNTIL OCTOBER LAST YEAR AND THAT HE WAS BEFRIENDED WITH TWO "MINSITERS OF THE PRP" CALLED KIBWE AND KIBASA BABU. THE PRP RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID FROM CHINA AND NORTH KOREA, HE SAID.

5. FINALLY MUGWADI SAID IN PLAIN TERMS THAT HERE AT NAIROBI HE IS SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY BY A TASS REPRESENTATIVE FROM WHOM HE HOPES TO GET MONEY FRIDAY AFTER WHICH HE CAN START HIS TRIP. I HAVE NOT ENCOURAGED MUGWADI AND I HAVE TOLD HIM THAT WE HAVE NO FUNDS FOR THESE KIND OF OPERATIONS. I'D BE SURPRISED IF HE DOES NOT COME BACK LATER TO ASK FOR MONEY. PLEASE SEND INSTRUCTIONS. UNQUOTE.  
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